Senate Study Bill 1175 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED GOVERNOR BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to motor vehicle enforcement duties of
- 2 the department of public safety and the department of
- 3 transportation, making appropriations, and including
- 4 effective date provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 80.5, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended 2 to read as follows:
- The state patrol is established in the department.
- 4 The patrol shall be under the direction of the commissioner.
- 5 The number of supervisory officers shall be in proportion
- 6 to the membership of the state patrol. The department
- 7 shall maintain a vehicle theft unit in the state patrol to
- 8 investigate and assist in the examination and identification
- 9 of stolen, altered, or forfeited vehicles. In addition to
- 10 other duties, powers, and responsibilities prescribed by law,
- 11 the state patrol shall supervise the highways of this state
- 12 and conduct enforcement activities that ensure the safe and
- 13 lawful movement and operation of commercial motor vehicles and
- 14 vehicles transporting loads, including but not limited to the
- 15 enforcement of motor vehicle laws relating to the operating
- 16 authority, registration, size, weight, and load of motor
- 17 vehicles and trailers.
- 18 Sec. 2. Section 80B.6, subsection 1, paragraph k, Code 2023,
- 19 is amended to read as follows:
- 20 k. A member of the office of motor vehicle enforcement of
- 21 the department of transportation involved with the enforcement
- 22 activities set forth in section 321.477.
- 23 Sec. 3. Section 97B.42B, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 24 following new subsection:
- 25 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. a. Commencing July 1, 2023, a
- 26 person who is a designated peace officer in the department of
- 27 transportation under section 321.477, Code 2023, as of June 30,
- 28 2023, who has fewer than ten years of membership service, and
- 29 who is transferred to the department of public safety pursuant
- 30 to this Act, shall be a member of the Iowa department of public
- 31 safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability
- 32 system established in chapter 97A.
- 33 b. Commencing July 1, 2023, a person who is a designated
- 34 peace officer in the department of transportation under section
- 35 321.477, Code 2023, as of June 30, 2023, who has ten or more

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- 1 years of membership service, and who is transferred to the
- 2 department of public safety pursuant to this Act, shall remain
- 3 a member of the Iowa public employees' retirement system.
- 4 Sec. 4. Section 97B.49B, subsection 1, paragraph e,
- 5 subparagraph (5), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 (5) (a) An employee of the state department of
- 7 transportation who is designated as a "peace officer" by
- 8 resolution under section 321.477, but only if the employee
- 9 retires on or after July 1, 1990. For purposes of this
- 10 subparagraph, service as a traffic weight officer employed
- 11 by the highway commission prior to the creation of the state
- 12 department of transportation or as a peace officer employed by
- 13 the Iowa state commerce commission prior to the creation of
- 14 the state department of transportation shall be included in
- 15 computing the employee's years of membership service.
- 16 (b) An employee of the department of public safety described
- 17 in section 97B.42B, subsection 4A, paragraph "b".
- 18 Sec. 5. Section 152C.5B, subsection 1, paragraph b,
- 19 subparagraph (5), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
- 20 subparagraph.
- 21 Sec. 6. Section 157.4A, subsection 1, paragraph b,
- 22 subparagraph (5), Code 2023, is amended by striking the
- 23 subparagraph.
- Sec. 7. Section 307.12, subsection 1, paragraph n, Code
- 25 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 n. Adopt, after consultation with the department of
- 27 natural resources and the department of public safety, rules
- 28 relating to enforcement of the rules regarding transportation
- 29 of hazardous wastes adopted by the department of natural
- 30 resources. The department of transportation and the division
- 31 of state patrol of the department of public safety shall carry
- 32 out the enforcement of the rules, as otherwise authorized by
- 33 law.
- 34 Sec. 8. Section 307.48, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
- 35 following new subsection:

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- 1 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. An employee of the office of motor
- 2 vehicle enforcement of the department of transportation on June
- 3 30, 2023, who is transferred to the department of public safety
- 4 pursuant to this Act, retains all rights to longevity pay.
- 5 Sec. 9. Section 321.2, subsection 2, Code 2023, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 2. The division of state patrol of the department of public
- 8 safety shall enforce the provisions of this chapter relating to
- 9 traffic on the public highways of the state, including those
- 10 relating to the safe and legal operation of passenger cars,
- 11 motorcycles, motor trucks, and buses, and other commercial
- 12 motor vehicles, and to see that proper safety rules are
- 13 observed.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 321.266, subsection 4, Code 2023, is
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 4. Notwithstanding section 455B.386, a carrier transporting
- 17 hazardous material upon a public highway in this state, in
- 18 the case of an accident involving the transportation of the
- 19 hazardous material, shall immediately notify the police radio
- 20 broadcasting system established pursuant to section 693.1 or
- 21 shall notify a peace officer of the county or city in which
- 22 the accident occurs. When a local law enforcement agency is
- 23 informed of the accident, the agency shall notify the state
- 24 patrol and the state department of transportation office of
- 25 motor vehicle enforcement. A person who violates a provision
- 26 of this subsection is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
- 27 Sec. 11. Section 321.449, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,
- 28 Code 2023, are amended to read as follows:
- 29 a. A person shall not operate a commercial vehicle on the
- 30 highways of this state except in compliance with rules adopted
- 31 by the department of transportation and rules adopted by the
- 32 department of public safety under chapter 17A. The rules shall
- 33 be consistent with the federal motor carrier safety regulations
- 34 promulgated under United States Code, Tit. 49, and found in 49
- 35 C.F.R. pts. 385, 390 399 and adopted under chapter 17A.

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- 1 b. The department of transportation or department of public
- 2 safety shall also adopt rules concerning hours of service for
- 3 drivers of vehicles operated for hire and designed to transport
- 4 seven or more persons, including the driver. The rules shall
- 5 not apply to vehicles offered to the public for hire that are
- 6 used principally in intracity operation and that are regulated
- 7 by local authorities pursuant to section 321.236.
- 8 Sec. 12. Section 321.449, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code
- 9 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 c. A driver or a driver-salesperson for a private carrier,
- ll who is not for hire and who is engaged exclusively in
- 12 intrastate commerce, may drive twelve hours, be on duty sixteen
- 13 hours in a twenty-four-hour period, and be on duty seventy
- 14 hours in seven consecutive days or eighty hours in eight
- 15 consecutive days. A "driver-salesperson" means as defined in 49
- 16 C.F.R. §395.2, as adopted by the department of public safety
- 17 by rule.
- 18 Sec. 13. Section 321.449, subsection 8, Code 2023, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 8. In the course of enforcing the motor carrier safety
- 21 rules adopted by the department of public safety under chapter
- 22 17A, the department's department of public safety's peace
- 23 officers are authorized, at reasonable times and places and
- 24 with reasonable notice, to enter a motor carrier's place of
- 25 business for the purpose of performing a motor carrier safety
- 26 audit or compliance review. Nothing in this subsection by
- 27 itself permits the seizure of the property of a motor carrier.
- 28 Any audit or review shall be conducted in compliance with the
- 29 federal motor carrier safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. pts. 105
- 30 185, 382, 383, 385, and 390 399. A peace officer of the
- 31 department of public safety is authorized to inspect and copy
- 32 motor carrier records required by 49 C.F.R. pts. 105 185,
- 33 382, 383, 385, and 390 399.
- 34 Sec. 14. Section 321.449B, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
- 35 amended to read as follows:

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- 1 l. a. A person subject to rules adopted by the department
- 2 of public safety pursuant to section 321.449 shall not
- 3 operate a commercial motor vehicle while engaged in texting as
- 4 prohibited by 49 C.F.R. §392.80, except in an emergency or as
- 5 otherwise permitted under 49 C.F.R. §392.80.
- 6 b. A person subject to rules adopted by the department of
- 7 public safety pursuant to section 321.449 shall not operate
- 8 a commercial motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile
- 9 telephone as prohibited by 49 C.F.R. §392.82, except in an
- 10 emergency or as otherwise permitted under 49 C.F.R. §392.82.
- 11 Sec. 15. Section 321.450, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 1. A person shall not transport or have transported or
- 14 shipped within this state any hazardous material except in
- 15 compliance with rules adopted by the department of public
- 16 safety under chapter 17A. The rules shall be consistent with
- 17 the federal hazardous materials regulations adopted under
- 18 United States Code, Tit. 49, and found in 49 C.F.R. pts. 107,
- 19 171 to 173, 177, 178, and 180.
- Sec. 16. Section 321.463, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
- 21 2023, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 b. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
- 23 a motor vehicle described in paragraph "a" equipped with an
- 24 auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit that reduces
- 25 fuel use and emissions during engine idling may exceed any
- 26 applicable maximum gross weight limit under this chapter by
- 27 five hundred fifty pounds or the weight of the auxiliary power
- 28 or idle reduction technology unit, whichever is less. This
- 29 paragraph "b" shall does not apply unless the operator of
- 30 the vehicle provides to the department of public safety a
- 31 written certification of the weight of the auxiliary power
- 32 or idle reduction technology unit, demonstrates or certifies
- 33 to the department of public safety that the idle reduction
- 34 technology unit is fully functional at all times, and carries
- 35 with the operator the written certification of the weight of

- 1 the auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit in the
- 2 vehicle at all times to present to law enforcement in the event
- 3 the vehicle is suspected of violating any applicable weight
- 4 restrictions.
- 5 Sec. 17. Section 321.476, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 1. a. Authority is hereby given to the A member of the
- 8 state patrol of the department to stop of public safety is
- 9 authorized to do any of the following:
- 10 a. Stop any motor vehicle or trailer on the highways for the
- ll purposes of weighing and inspection, to weigh and inspect the
- 12 same and to enforce the provisions of the motor vehicle laws
- 13 relating to the registration, size, weight, and load of motor
- 14 vehicles and trailers.
- 15 b. Authority is also hereby granted to subject to weighing
- 16 and inspection, Weigh and inspect vehicles which have moved
- 17 from a highway onto private property under circumstances which
- 18 indicate that the load of the vehicle, if any, is substantially
- 19 the same as the load which the vehicle carried before moving
- 20 onto the private property.
- 21 Sec. 18. Section 321.477, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 22 follows:
- 23 321.477 Employees as peace officers maximum age.
- 24 1. The department may designate by resolution certain of its
- 25 employees upon each of whom there is conferred the authority
- 26 of a peace officer to enforce all laws of the state including
- 27 but not limited to the rules and regulations of the department
- 28 investigate and enforce all of the following:
- 29 a. Laws relating to motor vehicle records, documents,
- 30 credentials, procedures, and revenues, including but not
- 31 limited to crimes and abuse of authority associated with
- 32 fraud, identity theft, vehicle titles and registration, dealer
- 33 licenses, and authorized vehicle recycler licenses.
- 34 b. Laws relating to motor vehicle fraud including but not
- 35 limited to the state and federal odometer laws, including as

1 provided in sections 307.37 and 321.71.

- 2. Employees designated as peace officers pursuant to this
- 3 section shall have the same powers conferred by law on peace
- 4 officers for the enforcement of all laws of this state and the
- 5 apprehension of violators.
- 6 2. Employees designated as peace officers pursuant to this
- 7 section who are assigned to the supervision of the highways
- 8 of this state shall spend the preponderance of their time
- 9 conducting enforcement activities that assure the safe and
- 10 lawful movement and operation of commercial motor vehicles and
- 11 vehicles transporting loads, including but not limited to the
- 12 enforcement of motor vehicle laws relating to the operating
- 13 authority, registration, size, weight, and load of motor
- 14 vehicles and trailers, and registration of a motor carrier's
- 15 interstate transportation service with the department.
- 16 3. Employees designated as peace officers pursuant to
- 17 this section shall not exercise the general powers of a peace
- 18 officer set forth in this section within the limits of any
- 19 city, except as follows:
- 20 a. When so ordered by the direction of the governor.
- 21 b. When request is made by the mayor of any city, with the
- 22 approval of the director.
- c. When request is made by the sheriff or county attorney of
- 24 any county, with the approval of the director.
- d. While in the pursuit of law violators or in investigating
- 26 law violations.
- 27 e. While making any inspection provided by this chapter, or
- 28 any additional inspection ordered by the director.
- 29 f. When engaged in the investigation and enforcement of laws
- 30 relating to narcotic, counterfeit, stimulant, and depressant
- 31 drugs.
- 32 4. The limitations specified in subsection 3 shall in no
- 33 way be construed as a limitation on the power of employees
- 34 designated as peace officers pursuant to this section when a
- 35 public offense is being committed in their presence.

- 1 5. The department shall submit a report to the general
- 2 assembly on or before December 1 of each year that details the
- 3 nature and scope of enforcement activities conducted in the
- 4 previous fiscal year by employees designated as peace officers
- 5 pursuant to this section who are assigned to the supervision
- 6 of the highways of this state. The report shall include a
- 7 comparison of commercial and noncommercial motor vehicle
- 8 enforcement activities conducted by such employees.
- 9 6. 4. The maximum age for a person employed as a peace
- 10 officer pursuant to this section is sixty-five years of age.
- 11 Sec. 19. Section 321.481, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 12 follows:
- 13 321.481 No impairment of other authority.
- 14 Nothing in sections 321.476 through 321.480 321.479 shall be
- 15 so construed as to limit or impair the authority or duties of
- 16 other peace officers in the enforcement of the motor vehicle
- 17 laws or any portion thereof.
- 18 Sec. 20. Section 325A.10, Code 2023, is amended to read as
- 19 follows:
- 20 325A.10 Rules for operation.
- 21 1. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
- 22 17A as necessary to govern and control the operation, and
- 23 maintenance, and inspection of vehicles covered by this chapter
- 24 upon the highways.
- 25 2. The department of public safety shall adopt rules
- 26 pursuant to chapter 17A as necessary to govern the inspection
- 27 of vehicles covered by this chapter upon the highways.
- 28 Sec. 21. Section 602.8108, subsection 8, Code 2023, is
- 29 amended to read as follows:
- 30 8. The state court administrator shall allocate all of the
- 31 fines and fees attributable to commercial vehicle violation
- 32 citations issued by motor vehicle division personnel of
- 33 the state department of transportation public safety to the
- 34 treasurer of state for deposit in the road use tax fund.
- 35 Sec. 22. REPEAL. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 149, section 4, as

1 amended by 2018 Iowa Acts, chapter 1170, section 3, 2019 Iowa

- 2 Acts, chapter 7, section 1, and 2022 Iowa Acts, chapter 1082,
- 3 section 1, is repealed.
- 4 Sec. 23. REPEAL. Sections 321.480 and 327B.2, Code 2023,
- 5 are repealed.
- 6 Sec. 24. TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS.
- 7 l. There is transferred from the department of
- 8 transportation's asset forfeiture fund to the general fund
- 9 of the state the amount of unencumbered or unobligated
- 10 moneys remaining in the department of transportation's asset
- 11 forfeiture fund.
- 12 2. There is appropriated from the general fund of the
- 13 state to the department of public safety for the fiscal year
- 14 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, the amount
- 15 transferred to the general fund of the state pursuant to
- 16 subsection 1, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used
- 17 for costs incurred by the department of public safety for the
- 18 transition provided for in this Act.
- 19 3. a. The Iowa public employees' retirement system
- 20 shall perform a trustee-to-trustee lump sum transfer to the
- 21 Iowa department of public safety peace officers' retirement,
- 22 accident, and disability system. The transfer shall include an
- 23 amount consisting of the accumulated contributions by members
- 24 transferred to the peace officers' retirement, accident, and
- 25 disability system pursuant to this Act and every transferred
- 26 member's share of the accumulated employer contributions as
- 27 defined in section 97B.53. The transfer shall not be deemed
- 28 to be a termination of a member's plan and an affected member
- 29 shall not be entitled to a distribution of the moneys as a
- 30 result of the member's transfer.
- 31 b. Upon completion of the transfer, the Iowa department
- 32 of public safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and
- 33 disability system shall engage an actuary to determine the
- 34 actuarial cost of the remaining transfer. For purposes of this
- 35 paragraph, "the actuarial cost of the remaining transfer" is an

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- 1 amount determined by the peace officers' retirement, accident,
- 2 and disability system in accordance with actuarial tables which
- 3 reflects the actuarial cost necessary to fund the increased
- 4 retirement allowances less the amount transferred by the Iowa
- 5 public employees' retirement system.
- 6 c. Once the transfer is completed, the transferred members
- 7 shall forfeit all rights, including service credit and
- 8 benefits, under chapter 97B; shall be treated as members under
- 9 chapter 97A; and shall be vested in a benefit under chapter 97A
- 10 that shall not be less than the benefit to which the member was
- 11 entitled under chapter 97B at the time of the transfer.
- 12 Sec. 25. TRANSITION RULES.
- 13 1. a. Effective July 1, 2023, peace officers of the
- 14 department of public safety shall assume the duties, powers,
- 15 and responsibilities of peace officers designated by the
- 16 department of transportation under section 321.477, Code
- 17 2023, who are assigned to the supervision of the highways
- 18 of this state. On or before July 1, 2023, the department
- 19 of transportation and the department of public safety, in
- 20 consultation with the department of administrative services,
- 21 shall identify and transfer affected positions and incumbent
- 22 peace officer and civilian employees from the department of
- 23 transportation to the department of public safety. Former
- 24 peace officer employees of the department of transportation
- 25 who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement and who
- 26 are reassigned shall be placed in an existing department of
- 27 public safety peace officer classification within the state
- 28 police officers council bargaining unit, without loss of
- 29 seniority or loss of pay accrued while serving as a peace
- 30 officer. Any peace officer so reassigned shall be entitled to
- 31 all rights, privileges, and benefits of the peace officer's new
- 32 classification, including longevity pay pursuant to section
- 33 80.6 as calculated based upon years of service in a peace
- 34 officer position, within the state police officers council
- 35 bargaining unit as of the effective date of the employee's

1 reassignment.

- 2 b. The department of public safety shall honor a final
- 3 offer of employment made by the department of transportation
- 4 to a person who has not accepted the offer by July 1, 2023,
- 5 if the employment offer is to fill a position that will be
- 6 transitioned to the department of public safety under this
- 7 Act. Such persons shall be assigned to the state patrol upon
- 8 completion of the department of public safety academy training,
- 9 and are entitled to all rights, privileges, and benefits of
- 10 similarly reassigned positions and transitioned incumbent peace
- 11 officer employees from the department of transportation.
- 12 2. On or before July 1, 2023, the department of
- 13 transportation shall provide all appropriate documentation
- 14 and data required for motor carrier safety assistance program
- 15 activities, including but not limited to those relating to
- 16 the reimbursement of expenses, for reporting purposes to the
- 17 department of public safety, and any other documentation and
- 18 data required by the department of public safety to comply with
- 19 federal law or for purposes of the transition provided for in
- 20 this Act.
- 3. On or before July 1, 2023, the department of
- 22 transportation shall cooperate with the department of public
- 23 safety to ensure the department of public safety is aware of
- 24 the rules the department of transportation adopted relating
- 25 to administering and enforcing commercial motor vehicle
- 26 violations. The department of public safety shall inform the
- 27 administrative code editor of the applicable rules that need
- 28 to be transferred. Any such rule adopted by the department of
- 29 transportation shall continue in full force and effect until
- 30 the rule is transferred to the department of public safety.
- 31 Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following, being deemed of
- 32 immediate importance, take effect upon enactment:
- 33 1. The section of this Act repealing 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter
- 34 149, section 4.
- 35 2. The section of this Act setting forth transition

1 provisions. 2 EXPLANATION The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly. 5 BACKGROUND. Under current law, the department of public 6 safety (DPS) is charged with, among other things, preventing 7 crime and detecting and apprehending criminals. The division 8 of state patrol (state patrol) is established within DPS. 9 state patrol is required to enforce the provisions of Code 10 chapter 321 (motor vehicles and law of the road) relating 11 to traffic on public highways, including those relating to 12 the safe and legal operation of passenger cars, motorcycles, 13 motor trucks, and buses, and to see that proper safety rules 14 are observed. In addition, the state patrol must investigate 15 and assist in the examination and identification of stolen, 16 altered, or forfeited vehicles. 17 The department of transportation (DOT) is responsible 18 for the planning, development, regulation, and improvement 19 of transportation as provided by law. DOT is authorized to 20 designate certain employees as peace officers, who are assigned 21 to DOT's office of motor vehicle enforcement (MVE). MVE 22 officers must spend the preponderance of their time conducting 23 enforcement activities that assure the safe and lawful 24 movement and operation of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) and 25 vehicles transporting loads, including but not limited to the 26 enforcement of motor vehicle laws relating to the operating 27 authority, registration, size, weight, and load of motor 28 vehicles and trailers, and registration of a motor carrier's 29 interstate transportation service with DOT. 30 DOT and DPS are required to cooperate to ensure the proper 31 and adequate enforcement of the provisions of Code chapter 321. 32 TRANSITION - DOT TO DPS. This bill provides for the 33 transition of certain MVE employees from DOT to DPS.

34 Effective July 1, 2023, DPS peace officers will assume the 35 responsibilities and duties of MVE officers so transferred.

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- 1 On or before July 1, 2023, DOT and DPS, in consultation with
- 2 the department of administrative services, must identify and
- 3 transfer affected positions and incumbent civilian and MVE
- 4 officer employees from DOT to DPS. Transferred MVE peace
- 5 officers will become peace officers in the state patrol.
- 6 The bill transfers to the state patrol responsibility for,
- 7 among other duties, supervising the highways, including but not
- 8 limited to conducting enforcement activities that ensure the
- 9 safe and lawful movement and operation of CMVs and vehicles
- 10 transporting loads. The state patrol is tasked with enforcing
- 11 motor vehicle laws relating to the operating authority,
- 12 registration, size, weight, and load of motor vehicles and
- 13 trailers.
- 14 Under current law, MVE officers are authorized to enforce
- 15 federal motor carrier safety rules adopted by DOT. Pursuant to
- 16 such authorization, MVE officers may enter a motor carrier's
- 17 place of business for the purpose of performing a motor carrier
- 18 safety audit or compliance review. An MVE officer is also
- 19 authorized to inspect and copy motor carrier records required
- 20 by federal law. The bill authorizes DPS peace officers to
- 21 perform a safety audit or compliance review or inspect motor
- 22 carrier records.
- 23 RETIREMENT AND LONGEVITY PAY. DOT employees are members
- 24 of, and receive benefits from, the Iowa public employees'
- 25 retirement system (IPERS) (Code chapter 97B). DPS officers
- 26 are members of, and receive benefits from, the peace officers'
- 27 retirement, accident, and disability system (Code chapter 97A).
- 28 Under the bill, a transferred MVE officer who has 10 or more
- 29 years of membership service in IPERS on July 1, 2023, will
- 30 remain a member of IPERS and will continue to be considered
- 31 an employee in a protection occupation. A transferred MVE
- 32 officer who has fewer than 10 years of membership service in
- 33 IPERS will become a member of the peace officers' retirement,
- 34 accident, and disability system. A person who is employed
- 35 by DOT and retains limited authority of a peace officer

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- 1 pursuant to the bill remains a member of IPERS and continues
- 2 to be considered an employee in a protection occupation. A
- 3 transferred MVE officer retains all rights to longevity pay.
- 4 REMAINING DOT OFFICERS. The bill authorizes DOT to
- 5 designate certain employees who have limited authority as
- 6 peace officers. The limited authority includes the ability to
- 7 investigate and enforce laws relating to motor vehicle records,
- 8 documents, credentials, procedures, and revenues, including
- 9 but not limited to crimes and abuse of authority associated
- 10 with fraud, identity theft, vehicle titles and registration,
- 11 dealer licenses, and authorized vehicle recycler licenses; and
- 12 relating to motor vehicle fraud including but not limited to
- 13 state and federal odometer laws.
- 14 FINES ROAD USE TAX FUND. The bill requires the state
- 15 court administrator to allocate all of the fines and fees
- 16 attributable to CMV citations issued by DPS, rather than DOT,
- 17 to the treasurer of state for deposit in the road use tax fund.
- 18 Under current law, moneys credited to the road use tax fund are
- 19 prohibited from being appropriated for the payment of salaries,
- 20 support, or maintenance of any personnel in DPS (Code section
- 21 312.9). The bill does not modify this prohibition.
- 22 MISCELLANEOUS. The bill makes corresponding changes
- 23 throughout the Code, transfers remaining moneys from DOT's
- 24 asset forfeiture fund to DPS for costs associated with the
- 25 transition, provides for a lump sum transfer from IPERS to
- 26 the peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability
- 27 system, requires DPS to honor certain employment offers by DOT,
- 28 provides for transition provisions including the transfer of
- 29 applicable documentation and data, and allows for the transfer
- 30 of administrative rules from DOT to DPS.